

Iowa General Assembly

2017 Committee Briefings

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STUDIES COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Meeting Dates: | [June 22, 2017](#) |

Purpose. This compilation of briefings on legislative interim committee meetings and other meetings and topics of interest to the Iowa General Assembly, written by the Legal Services Division staff of the nonpartisan Legislative Services Agency, describes committee activities or topics. The briefings were originally distributed in the Iowa Legislative Interim Calendar and Briefing. Official minutes, reports, and other detailed information concerning the committee or topic addressed by a briefing can be obtained from the committee's Internet page listed above, from the Iowa General Assembly's Internet page at <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/>, or from the agency connected with the meeting or topic described.

STUDIES COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

June 22, 2017

Chairperson: Speaker Linda Upmeyer

Vice-Chairperson: Senator Bill Dix

Overview: The Studies Committee considered mandates in statute and proposals for 2017 Interim studies contained in other requests, and recommended the actions listed in this briefing. The recommendations were subsequently approved by the Legislative Council.

2017 Interim Studies. Studies were authorized for the 2017 Interim with the indicated number of members to address the following topics:

Statutory Committees

- **Legislative Fiscal Committee** (Iowa Code §§2.45(2) and 2.46)

Charge: The committee is a permanent legislative committee under the Legislative Council. Duties include directing the administration of performance audits and visitations, studying the operation of state government and making recommendations regarding reorganization to the General Assembly, and conducting studies as assigned by the Legislative Council.

Members: 5 Senate/5 House

Meeting Days: As approved by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Legislative Council.

- **Legislative Tax Expenditure Committee** (Iowa Code §§2.45(5) and 2.48)

Charge: The committee is a permanent legislative committee under the Legislative Council. Duties include approving annual estimates of the cost of tax expenditures by December 15 each year, and performing a scheduled review of specified tax credits so that each credit is reviewed at least every five years. The seventh scheduled review is in 2017.

Members: 5 Senate/5 House

Meeting Days: As approved by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Legislative Council.

- **Health Policy Oversight Committee** (Iowa Code §2.45(6))

Charge: The committee is a permanent legislative committee under the Legislative Council. Duties include providing continuing oversight for Medicaid managed care, ensuring effective and efficient administration of the program, addressing stakeholder concerns, monitoring programs costs and expenditures, and making recommendations to the General Assembly.

Members: 5 Senate/5 House

Meeting Days: As approved by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Legislative Council.

- **State Government Efficiency Review Committee** (Iowa Code §2.69)

Charge: The committee is a permanent legislative committee required to meet, as directed by the Legislative

Council, at least every two years, to review state government organization and efficiency options and receive state government efficiency suggestions offered by the public and public employees. The most recent report was submitted in 2016 and the next report of the committee is due by January 2019.

Members: 5 Senate/5 House

Meeting Days: As approved by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Legislative Council.

- **Public Retirement Systems Committee** (Iowa Code §97D.4)

Charge: The committee is a permanent legislative committee that is required to review and evaluate all public retirement systems in place in Iowa, including the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS), the Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System of Iowa (Iowa Code chapter 411), the Department of Public Safety Peace Officers' Retirement System (PORS), and the Judicial Retirement System. The committee typically meets during the legislative interim of odd-numbered years.

Members: 5 Senate/5 House

Meeting Days: As approved by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Legislative Council.

Other Interim Studies

- **Opioid Epidemic Evaluation Study Committee** (2017 Iowa Acts, HF 653, §117)

Charge: The study committee shall comprehensively evaluate the state's response to the opioid epidemic in the state, including a review of the protocols and practices relating to the prescribing of opioid medications and the treatment options available including medication-assisted treatment. The study committee shall receive input from agencies and entities including but not limited to representatives of the professional licensing boards for professionals authorized to prescribe controlled substances, representatives of public safety and public health, representatives of the medical community and health insurance payers, and consumers and representatives of consumers. The study committee shall submit a report, including findings and recommendations, to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 15, 2017.

Members: 3 Senate/3 House

Meeting Days: As approved by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Legislative Council.

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